April 2015

As I’m sure you noticed Term 2 began with a deluge. The school and grounds coped quite well with only minor problems. Our ramp into ‘Building A’ thankfully had the roof mostly finished before the rain came.

To celebrate our multicultural diversity we invited the Reverend Zhi Ren from the Kogarah temple to come to our school to celebrate Buddha’s birthday by sharing the ‘Bathing of the Buddha’ ceremony with the students. The Reverend presented a wonderful age appropriate explanation of Buddha’s early life and the Buddhist philosophy. The children were very interested and keen to take part. The message from the ceremony was... be kind...say kind words...think kind thoughts

We commemorated the 100 year anniversary of ANZAC with a ceremony under our flag. Roy Pearson from Arncliffe RSL came to talk to the children about his experiences as a soldier and he reinforced the importance of peace and how fortunate we are to live in a country where freedom is respected. The students listened attentively and were very respectful during our minute of silence and the Last Post. Sarah and Eoin from Year 2 led the ceremony and laid the wreath under our flagpole. It was a lovely experience for everyone and I was proud to be the Principal of such a beautiful school.

Prior to the holidays we enjoyed lovely weather for our Easter Hat Parade and Raffle. The hats were very creative as usual and worn with smiles. The Easter Raffle was also a great success with over $1000 raised for the school. The Major Prize winners were: TV-Mohammad Damen (Sarah’s father), Dryer-Mrs Carney and Toaster- Eoin’s grandfather. Congratulations to those people and all those who won Easter baskets.

We will be celebrating our wonderful mothers at our Mother’s Day assembly on 6th of May and the children will be able to buy presents from our P&C run stalls at school on 5th and 7th of May. As usual a lot of thought has gone into the gifts so don’t miss out.

Flashing lights will be installed on Loftus St outside of our school in the week beginning 4th of May. Work will be done outside of school hours but be prepared for possible lane closures during this time. It will all be worth it when we have flashing lights marking our school zone to improve the safety of students.

Our Preschool will be undergoing an external assessment this term. I encourage the parents to be involved in the Preschool Open Days that are coming up on the 5th and 8th of May and support your Educators.

Vanda Quinn
Principal
Kindergarten
Fatima: Contributing well in class
Zahra H: Improvement in English conversation
Sarah M: Being a happy classmate
Mohammed: Being a good sharer
Miriam: Showing great enthusiasm in music
Alina: Showing improvement in reading
Suldee: Great improvement in English speaking
Moussa: Showing great enthusiasm in music

Year 1
Basel: Presenting interesting news to the class
Saleh: Being a good friend
Misha: Improved letter knowledge
Batoul: Pleasing reading
Kevin: Beautiful handwriting
Toto: Working hard in class
Sakina: Being a kind and helpful friend
Santi: Pleasing reading

Jellybeans
Anand: Great participation during music
Layla: Organising our bookshelf very well
Fatima: Painting beautiful rainbow stripes
Dion: Always following our preschool rules

Arabic
Alina: Identifying letters in Arabic words
Hussien E: Writing his name in Arabic
Youssef S: great improvement in Arabic Handwriting
Sara A: Identifying all colours and letters taught in class
Saleh: Starting to sound out simple Arabic words
Abbas: Completing an activity independently

Year 2
Hashimiyah: Creative thinking in class activities and application to work
Muhammad A: Application to all classroom activities
Ali O: Interest and curiosity in our weather unit
Hassan: Listening and participation in all classroom activities
Hashimiyah: Writing a fantastic procedure to make an Easter hat
Mandakh: Writing a recount postcard
Hassan: Working well with the calendar
Sarah: Fabulous presentation of our ANZAC Ceremony
Hashimiyah: Completing the Reading Recovery Program

Rainbows
Chloe: Enthusiastic participation in all learning areas
Mohammed Z: Great improvement in settling into preschool
Muhamad F: Great movement and singing with David our music teacher
Tahlia: Always helping her friends at preschool

AWARDS
Easter Raffle Winners
1st Prize TV: Mohamad Damen
2nd Prize Dryer: Mrs Carney
3rd Prize: Grandpa (Eoin’s)

April Birthdays
Fatima (K)  Zeinab D (K)  Misha (Y1)
Batoul (Y1) Hussien E (Y1)
Ali E (Y2)

May Birthdays
Jafaar (K)  Mohammed (K)  Santi (Y1)
Mariam (Y1)  Muhammed-Alí (Y2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!
Easter Hat Parade
Easter Raffle

A big thankyou to the ladies of the P&C (and Ibrahim) who organized the Sausage Sizzle.
ANZAC Day Commemoration
Download the AWIS App

Skoolbag is a complete communication solution that integrates with your School Website. Update your site, and Skoolbag mobile app all at once!

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up before they start school.

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The public dental service

Public dental service phone number

1300 134 226

All children aged 0 to 18 years are eligible for FREE dental care at public dental clinics.

Updated June 2014
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

* eligibility criteria apply

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

APPLY ONLINE NOW!
Arncliffe Community Centre
Triple P Positive Parenting Program

Learn about parenting issues, children’s behaviours and how to recognise and manage situations. Enhance your skills, knowledge & confidence.

3-week Night Seminar starting on Thursday 7th May

**Seminar 1:** Thursday 7th May 2015 from 7.00pm -8.30pm
**Seminar 2:** Thursday 14th May 2015 from 7.00pm-8.30pm
**Seminar 3:** Thursday 21st May 2015 from 7.00pm-8.30pm

3-week Day Seminar starting on Monday 11th May

**Seminar 1:** Monday 11th May 2015 from 1.00pm - 3.00pm
**Seminar 2:** Monday 18th May 2015 from 1.00pm-3.00pm
**Seminar 3:** Monday 25th May 2015 from 1.00pm-3.00pm

5-Week Night Course starting on Thursday 28th May

**Week 1:** Thursday 28th May 2015 from 6.00pm—8.00pm
**Week 2:** Thursday 4th June 2015 from 6.00pm—8.00pm
**Week 3:** Thursday 11th June 2015 from 6.00pm—8.00pm
**Week 4:** Thursday 18th June 2015 from 6.00pm—8.00pm
**Week 5:** Thursday 25th June 2015 from 6.00pm—8.00pm

Venue: Arncliffe Community Centre,
35 Forest Road, Arncliffe. Bookings are essential.

Certificates available upon completion. Gold coin donation would be appreciated.

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